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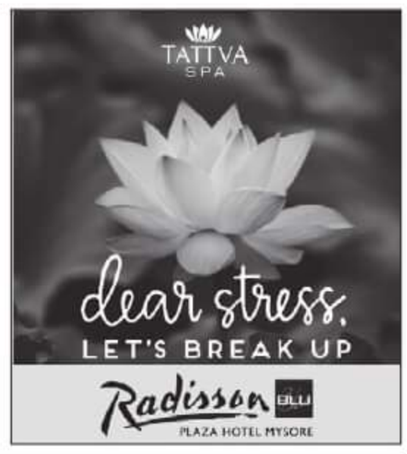

Moving car catches fire

City doctor escapes unhurt

A fireman extinguishing the fire which engulfed a car near Gun House Circle this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&BCT)- A city doctor had a providential escape after the car he was driving caught fire at Gun House Circle this morning.

KR Police Inspector Mahadevaswamy told *Star of Mysore* that the incident occurred at around 8.30 am when the battery of the i20 car (KA-18-Z-5781) caught fire.

Dr. Bhushan, who was driving the car alone towards K.R. Hospital, noticed smoke billowing out from the front portion. He immediately stopped the vehicle and got out. Moments later, fire spread to the engine and even the interiors of the car were charred. It is suspected that the fire broke out from the car battery due to a technical snag. While Dr. Bhushan escaped unhurt, the car was fully gutted.

On being informed by passersby, Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire. A complaint was yet to be registered in this regard at the jurisdictional K.R. Police Station.

[More pictures on page 7]

K.R. Hospital receives 617 snake bite cases in 2021

- Do not panic, we have enough stock of Anti-Snake Venom (ASV) injection, say doctors
- On an average more than 10 snakes rescued in city daily

In 2021, the K.R. Hospital received 617 snake bite cases. While 36 snake bite cases were reported in January, February saw 25 cases, March-29, April-42, May-41, June-63, July-72, August-84, September-73, October-61, November-40 & December saw 51 cases.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&KS)- With summer comes sunny weather, swimming and snake bites. Frequent sightings of snakes inside houses, store rooms, compounds and surroundings are common, creating panic among residents.

Though the summer season officially begins after *Sankranti,* this year due to climate change, the cold spell will continue for a few more days. Snakes take shelter in shoes, discarded boxes, coconut shells, stored tyres, under piles of dry leaves, amidst firewood and people are more likely to get bitten if the reptile is not spotted on time.

City's well-known snake rescuers Snake Shyam and his son Surya Keerthi said that they receive numerous snake rescue calls every day and on an average they rescue more than 10 snakes a day.

Most important thing to do is not to leave shoes outside homes, not to discard boxes here and there and always keep the surroundings free from piles of dry leaves, heaps of coconut shells and other such things. One must look into the shoes before picking them up.

This is also a mating season and as such one can find more snakes on roads, parks and even inside compounds. As snakes come in search of mates, one can find three to four snakes at a time in one spot. It is better to carry a torch while moving around in the dark.

While fetching firewood or coconut shells, first move the wood with a stick and also shake empty coconut shells before pulling them with bare hands as vibrations will bring out the snakes if they are hiding inside.

(See SNAKE on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 11th January 2022

Forum Centre City Mall's Anniversary offer

Avail flat 50% off till Jan. 14

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Forum Centre City Mall, Hyder Ali road, Nazarbad, Mysuru, is celebrating its fourth anniversary with a flat 50% off on the best of national and international brands between Jan.10 and 14.

Over the last four years, the Mall is setting new customer service standards and offering a holistic shopping experience to its patrons with amazing deals. Whatever you crave — clothes, accessories, jewellery, makeup, food, movies, books, family time — the Mall is geared up for everything and more.

This time, the Mall is hosting flat 50% across your favourite brands like Lifestyle, Max, Home Centre, Zimzon, Forever New, Soch, Wildcraft, Body Shop, VIP, American tourister, Crosswords, Mobikins and Zivame.

Forum Centre City Mall is the place to be, if you are looking to upgrade your wardrobe during 2022's first and biggest flat 50% sale of Mysuru.

Karnatak vocal recital tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 11-As part of monthly cultural programmes, **Vidu. B.J. Madhuri Koushik** will be presenting a Karnatak Classical vocal recital tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 6 pm at Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirama Mandira in Srirampet.

C.V. Shruthi, Radesh and Manjunath will accompany her with violin, mridanga and ghata respectively.

This programme is sponsored by Uma Nagaraj.

Devotes are requested to participate in large numbers and get blessings of Lord Sri Ram, according to a press release from Dr. N. Sriram, President of Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Municipal Corporations have institutionalised the practice of manual scavenging, a bane of Indian society for centuries. This is despite the Government outlawing the use of direct human labour in the cleaning of sewage and septic tanks. Workers harnessed by ropes continue to descend into filthy sewage systems, often filled with human excreta. The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, was brought in to eliminate insanitary latrines. The Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, launched in 2020, was aimed at mechanising septic and sewage tank cleaning operations in 243 cities by April 2021. But things have obviously not changed much.

When repeated violation becomes a norm, we accept it as a necessary evil. Various conservancy departments, like Mumbai that employs 30,000 people, have institutionalised both caste and class discrimination. In Mumbai, as elsewhere, the safai kamgar is invariably a Dalit. He could be a Dusadh from Bihar or a Valmiki from UP; and what he faces is not only rampant exploitation with no defined salary or timings for work, but also the caste oppression of an unchanging system. While the Safai Kamgar Andolan says there are over 12 lakh manual scavengers in India, official surveys have largely underestimated the problem. It is difficult to eliminate the practice overnight in the informal sector, but one would expect Municipal and Government Departments to be more proactive in ending this inhuman system. — *In The New Indian Express*

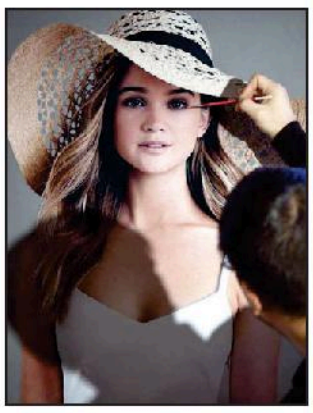
NEWS SPARKLERS

World's first dual-mode bus-train

Kaiyo: Japan recently unveiled the world's first Dual-Mode Vehicle (DMV), a contraption that runs both on roads, like a bus and on rails, like a train.

The unique bus-train hybrid was unveiled last month, in the town of Kaiyo, Japan's Tokushima Prefecture. The mini-bus-like contraption didn't win anyone over with its looks, but it definitely made an impression in terms of practicality. It runs with normal rubber tires on the road, but when it needs to switch to train mode, a pair of metal wheels drop down from the vehicle's underbelly. The front tires are lifted off of the track, while the rear wheels stay down to propel the vehicle. Switching between road and train modes takes only about 15 seconds.

Hirothropologie's photorealistic paintings



New York: A talented artist working under the pseudonym 'Hirothropologie' has become world-famous for his ability to create photo-like portraits using paint, brushes and lots of skill.

It might sound like an exaggeration, but having to distinguish between one of Hirothropologie's paintings and an actual photo of his model is a very challenging endeavor.

Every little detail in his paintings, from loose strands of hair to freckles or creases in his subjects' clothes, are expertly reproduced on canvas, creating an almost eerie hyperrealistic illusion.

It's hard to believe Hirothropologie is able to achieve this with just paint and a set of fine brushes, but then again, as he puts it, "I put my entire life into this."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Development of child's Brain starts in the mother's womb and continues throughout life. Maximum brain development approx. 90% is completed by first 2 years of life. Child Brain development happens in specific sequence as per specific age. It depends on genetic influence along with nutritional supply and most importantly the environmental stimulation and exposure.

By Dr Anilkumar Y. C. - Consultant – Paediatrician
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Vivekananda Lecture Series

Mysuru, Jan. 11- The Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD) and the Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), units of the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), have organised Vivekananda Lecture Series to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863 - 4 July 1902).

This series will have 12 lectures starting with the inaugural lecture on Jan. 12 followed by a lecture on the 12th of every month, January through December 2022.

For the inaugural lecture on Jan. 12, Guru Rohit Arya, Yogi, Author, Polymath Spiritual Mentor, Writer, Mythologist, and Vibrant Speaker, will be speaking on the theme: "Vivekananda, a retrospective analysis of his message and its relevance today."

The talk will be streamed live on Zoom at: https://bit.ly/3JNugt8 [Meeting ID: 713 411 6104; passcode: v-lead] and also on V-LEAD's YouTube channel: 'V-LEAD' [https://bit.ly/3bYXCVK], according to a press release from Ramesh Venkatraman, Director, V-LEAD.

REALLY...?

- ***About 50 percent of cancer therapy patients currently use platinum-containing drugs and some of these drugs, such as cisplatin, are also used to treat tumours and cancer in animals. Platinum is considered a biologically compatible metal because it is non-toxic and stable, so it does not react with, or negatively affect body tissues. Recent research has also shown platinum to inhibit the growth of certain cancerous cells.***
- ***The world's largest deposit of platinum is in the Merensky Reef in the Bushveld Complex, South Africa. Platinum is one of the heaviest metals. A six-inch cube of platinum weighs as much as an average human being.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two rival authors met and one had just published a book.
Said the other, *"I read your book and thought it was great. Tell me, who wrote it for you?"*
The author replied, *"I am so glad you enjoyed it. Tell me, who read it for you?!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.43
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.13
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.80

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 10
Day's Positive Cases	398	309
Total Positive Cases	1,81,330	1,81,639
Day's Discharges	18	22
Total Discharges	1,77,850	1,77,872
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	2,428	2,429
Total Active Cases	1,052	1,338

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Kodava language is not a 'dialect'

Sir,

We are impressed with your good review and critique of the book "A Place Apart" in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 8, 2022, and agree with your views.

The only surprise is that you continue to call the Kodava language as a 'dialect' when it has been established by linguistic experts the world over that it is a very old independent Dravidian language.

Please refer to our letter to the editor on that topic, published in your paper in August 2021.

Here is the reproduction of the relevant text for your perusal and for the benefit of the vast readers:

"Another common misconception is that it (Kodava language) is a dialect, since it is an oral language with no script of its own. That makes many major languages of the world like English, French, Spanish, German and Hindi (to name a few) dialects since they too do not have their own script!"

We hope the common misconception among people that Kodava *thakk* is a dialect will be corrected.

—Mrs. & Mr. Boverianda Chinnappa

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The Mysore Co-operative Bank Ltd. holds SB account opening drive

Mysuru, Jan. 11- In a bid to provide a wider range of banking services for its shareholders, The Mysore Co-operative Bank Ltd. in Gandhi Square, held a Savings Bank (SB) account opening drive at Mahadeshwara Temple premises in Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) yesterday.

Speaking after launching the drive, Bank President K. Umashankar said that the Bank which was established by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, now has over 30,000 shareholders. Stressing on the need for shareholders to have an SB account, he called upon them to be informed about the latest banking laws and join hands with the Bank in taking it forward to much higher levels.

Bank Vice-President Paduvarahalli M. Ramakrishna said the Bank is now 116 years old. Pointing out that nearly half of the senior shareholders do not have an SB account, he said that this had resulted in such shareholders losing their voting rights in the Bank elections held last year.

Noting that according to RBI norms, every shareholder member of the Bank need to have an SB account, he said that the Bank can extend facilities to them only if they have an SB account. The Bank has plans to conduct such awareness drives in other localities of the city in the coming days, Ramakrishna said and called upon the members to utilise this drive.

Corporator SBM Manju, former President of the Bank, too spoke. Bank Directors and others were present.

Obituary

Dr. A.S. Bojappa

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Dr. A.S. Bojappa (91), retired K.R. Hospital doctor and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away yesterday in city. He was running Sri Gurupriya Clinic on Kalidasa Road in Vontikoppal after his retirement.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Racha

Racha (Raju), retired MCC contractor and a resident of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Colony 13th cross in Ashokapuram, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Shwetha

Shwetha (32), a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday night in city following brief illness.

She leaves behind her mother Manjula, father Anil Kumar, husband Kishore and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed today, according to a family sources.

Narayan

Bharathinagar: Narayan (69), brother of former MLC B. Ramakrishna and a resident of K. Honnalagere village in Maddur taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru on Sunday.

He leaves behind his wife Parvathi, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land in K. Honnalagere village on Monday.

Chandrashekar

Nanjangud: Chandrashekar (49), former Kempisiddanahundi Gram Panchayat President, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land, according to a family sources.

Minister visits COVID Care Centres

Pandavapura, Jan. 11- With Mandya District witnessing a sudden spurt in Corona cases, which is chiefly attributed to devotees returning from Tamil Nadu's Om Shakti pilgrimage, District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda on Sunday inspected the COVID Care Centre (CCC) in Pandavapura town.

Later speaking to presspersons, Narayanagowda said that the District Administration is taking all measures for preventing the spread of the pandemic. Noting that currently the virus infected are undergoing treatment at designated Hospitals and CCC, he said that most of the fresh cases are devotees who returned from Om Shakti.

Maintaining that those entering the district from other States are subjected to COVID test, the Minister said that those who test positive will be treated for 7 days at the CCC, while others will be allowed to go home.

Commenting on Mekedatu *padayatra*, he said that the Congress is playing politics over the project by taking out *padayatra* during COVID crisis.

He contended that the Mekedatu project was the brainchild of the previous B.S. Yediyurappa-led BJP Government. The project could not be executed straightaway as the matter was in the Supreme Court. He said the Congress *padayatra* led by KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar is only a political gimmick.

DHO Dr. Dhananjay, Tahsildar Pramod L. Patil, THO Dr. C.A. Aravind, General Hospital Chief Medical Officer Dr. H. Kumar, MySugar Chairman J. Shivalingegowda and others were present.

CCC at Srirangapatna

Later, the Minister visited the COVID Care Centre at Srirangapatna and took the officials to task for improper and injudicious use of Government facilities. He directed the DHO to take action against lethargic officials.

Narayanagowda telephoned Mandya Deputy Commissioner Aswathi and apprised her of the shortcomings in Srirangapatna CCC. He asked her to immediately appoint a Nodal Officer for tackling COVID in the taluk and to take all other necessary measures for checking the spread of the virus.

Replying to allegations that the District Minister took a long time to visit the Hospital despite surge in cases, Narayangowda said that Mandya was the first among the districts to take all precautionary measures.

Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. N.K. Venkatesh, DHO Dr. Dhananjay, General Hospital Medical Officer Dr. Maruti, Assistant Director of Agriculture Nishant Keelara, BJP leaders T. Sridhar, K.S. Nanjundegowda, Peehalli Ramesh and others were present.

K.R. Pet CCCs

A day after he visited COVID Care Centres at Pandavapura and Srirangapatna, Mandya District-in-Charge Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, who is on an inspection spree of Hospitals in the district on the preparedness of Hospitals for tackling COVID, visited CCCs across K.R. Pet taluk on Monday.

Narayanagowda, who visited CCCs at Kittur Rani Chennamma School at Valageremenasa, BCM Hostel at Hosaholalu and the Taluk Hospital at K.R. Pet town, enquired about the health of COVID patients. He also enquired about food and house-keeping facilities.

Speaking to presspersons, Narayangowda said that Om Shakti devotees were driving COVID cases all across Mandya district. Asking the officials to take all precautionary measures to check further spread of virus, he said that all CCCs in the district were equipped to handle any contingencies.

Assistant Commissioner Shivanandamurthy, DHO Dr. Dhananjaya, Tahsildar M. Roopa and others were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

MCC's Pre-Budget Meeting on Jan. 13

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be holding the first round of Pre-Budget Meeting with the public for the year 2022-23, at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar auditorium of MCC on Jan. 13 at 3 pm. Mayor Sunanda Palanetra will chair the meeting, according to a press release from the MCC Commissioner.

Coaching for competitive exams

The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Examinations' Training Centre will be conducting a 45-day training for the exams to be called by IBPS Nationalised Banks in future to recruit Officers and Clerks. Interested may register their names before Jan. 14 between 10 am and 4 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944, according to a press release from KSOU Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna.

Free eye screening camp

Anapoorna Eye Hospital has organised a free eye and vision camp along with cataract identification and free BP & sugar tests camp for senior citizens at its Hootagalli Branch and Kalidasa Road Branch from Jan. 12 to 22. Those having cataract can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the IOL lens will be provided at a reasonable price. For registration, contact 8884488262 or 0821-2953658/ 4195213, according to a press release from the Hospital.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	123.10	feet
Yesterday	:	123.12	feet
Inflow	:	1,338	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,448	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.07	feet
Inflow	:	329	cusecs
Outflow	:	400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,855.83	feet
Inflow	:	309	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Dead lizard spotted in Mid-Day Meals

70 students of Hanur School take ill after consuming food

Hanur, Jan. 11 (Somu)- About 70 students of a Government School in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district took ill yesterday after they consumed food in which a dead lizard was spotted.

More than 90 of the 170 students at Vadakehalla Government Higher Primary School had food at the school as part of the Mid-Day Meals programme on Monday. As meals were served to the children, some helpers found a dead lizard in the curry vessel, following which the students were asked to stop taking food. But by then, 70 of the students had already consumed the food and they began to vomit some time later.

All the students, who took ill after having food, were rushed in Ambulances to Koudalli, Ramapura and Hanur Hospitals, where they were treated and discharged a couple of hours later following recovery.

The parents, upon learning about the incident, rushed to the School, which led to tension for some time. However, they were a relieved lot as the children returned from Hospitals after treatment.

Block Education Officer (BEO) T.R. Swami, Tahsildar Nagaraj, Health Officer Dr. Rajesh and other officials visited Vadakehalla School.

BEO T.R. Swami said that about 70 children of the school fell ill after having food in which a dead lizard was spotted and all the affected children were treated in hospitals and subsequently discharged.

Pointing out that a meeting will be held with school teachers and cooking staff on Tuesday, he said that action will be taken if anyone is found guilty of negligence.

Writer, film-maker, activist N.S. Deviprasad passes away

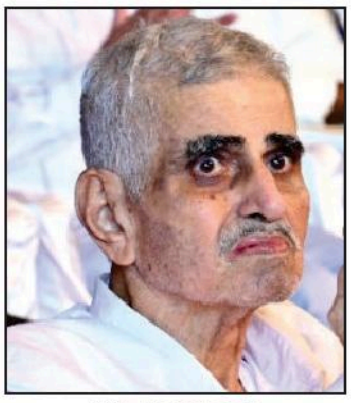
Sullia, Jan. 11 (Agencies)- Veteran writer and former President of Karnataka Arebhashe Sanskriti Mattu Sahitya Academy, N.S. Deviprasad (79) passed away at his residence at Sampaje in Sullia last afternoon.

He was ailing for some time. Family sources said that the last rites will be performed at his estate today. Deviprasad leaves behind his wife Indira, daughters Sahana and Prajna.

He was born to Nanjayyanamane Sannayya and Poovamma couple and was a born leader. He was actively involved in the protection of land and natural resources and had made a name in Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada.

He was into literature, drama and art and also Yakshagana and was an integral part of any movement to safeguard the interests of Karnataka. In 1998, when the Kodagu separate State movement was at its peak, Deviprasad floated 'Praja Vedike' that opposed the separate State and fought for a united Karnataka.

Deviprasad, who had served as the first President of the Karnataka Arebhashe Sanskriti Mattu Sahitya Academy, had also produced 'Mooru Daarigalu', a national award-winning film. He



N.S. Deviprasad

was active in social, religious and cultural fields and was the Trustee of Sampaje Sri Panchalingeshwara Temple. The Academy has prepared a documentary on Deviprasad's life and works.

He had won several awards including Kannada Sahitya Parishat Award and his research work 'Amara Sullia Swatantra Samara' is referred to as a comprehensive document of freedom struggle in Kodagu and its border areas.

Deviprasad had a vast library in his house and his collections were attracting people from far and wide. In 1998, he held 'Amara Kranthi,' a *padayatra* to Mangaluru from Sampaje to commemorate the freedom movement of 1837 in Sullia region and also to create awareness on the need to protect the environment.

Lady doctor ends life after her child stops drinking milk

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MK&KS)- Depressed that her 9-month-old infant had stopped drinking milk, a doctor committed suicide by hanging self at her residence in Gundu Rao Nagar here on Monday. The deceased has been identified as Dr. Arpitha, who was married five years ago.

Police said that the woman, who became depressed after her infant stopped drinking milk about 15 days ago, hanged herself at her house when the family members had gone out.

Vidyaranyapuram Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Woman flees after killing son

H.D. Kote, Jan. 11 (Manju &KS)- A woman allegedly killed her own son and has fled from the spot. The incident took place at Budanur village in the taluk on Sunday afternoon.

Srinivas

The deceased boy is Srinivas (3), while the accused mother is Bhavani, wife of Anand of Budanur village. It is learnt that on Sunday at about 3 pm, when Anand was not in the house, Bhavani, who made Srinivas sleep on the cot, struck Srinivas on his head and neck with a machete and fled from the house.

Neighbours, who heard screams from Anand's house, rushed to the house only to find Srinivas lying in a pool of blood. They immediately informed the child's relatives, who rushed to the house and immediately shifted the seriously injured Srinivas to a private hospital in Mysuru where the boy succumbed to severe injuries.

H.D. Kote Police, who visited the house, conducted an inspection, registered a case and have launched a hunt to nab the accused woman.

Mekedatu-Bengaluru *padayatra*

DKS digs heels in, CM likely to crack down

Rally becomes Shivakumar-centric as Congress bigwigs start petering out

Congress workers welcome KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar at Doddalahalli, his native near Kanakapura, yesterday. Picture right shows Police videographing the rally on Day-2 of Mekedatu padayatra.

Bengaluru / Ramanagara, Jan. 11 (KMS & BCT)- The Karnataka Congress' *padayatra*, demanding implementation of Mekedatu project across the Cauvery river, has continued even as FIRs have been registered against nearly 30 of its leaders and others for taking part in it, defying COVID curbs.

D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), is pulling off a massive show of strength in his home turf Kanakapura. He kicked off a 10,000-strong *padayatra* from Kanakapura to Bengaluru, about 139 kms away, demanding that Karnataka Government start building a reservoir at the confluence of Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers to increase drinking water supply to Bengaluru.

But reports coming from the rally venue have indicated that as the days pass, the rally is becoming Shivakumar-centric with many bigwigs of the party opting out of the rally. Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, who dropped out of the *padayatra* after 4 kms on Sunday, has been advised rest by his personal doctors, and it remains uncertain whether he will rejoin the walk.

The first day of the rally ended at Doddalahalli and reached Kanakapura yesterday. Today, the rallyists will be staying at Chukkenahalli and tomorrow, the camp is at Ramanagara. On Day-5, the rally will pass through Bidadi and Kengeri on Day-6. It will enter Bengaluru on Day-7 and will then move through silicon city via Koramangala on Day-8, Basavanagudi on Day-9 and reach Gayatri Vihar, Palace Grounds on Day-10.

On Day-11 (Jan. 19), the rally will move from Palace Grounds through Race Course Road to reach National College Grounds in Basavanagudi where a public meeting is planned.

Remaining firm on continuing the *padayatra* despite the FIR lodged against Congress leaders, DKS said he had received information about violation of weekend curfew from 127 taluks. He said they will fight the FIR legally and ask the KPCC legal cell to fight the legal battle.

Meanwhile, Basavaraj Bommai Government has hinted at taking stringent measures before the *padayatra* reaches Bengaluru, which has been reporting a spurt in cases. Yesterday, Shivakumar again stoked a controversy by mingling with high school students as part of his *padayatra*, paying little heed to basic precautions — he wasn't masked and students wore the masks on their chins. His behaviour invited heavy trolling by BJP.

Shivakumar refused to undergo a test and instead, accused the Government of conspiring to ensure his test comes positive, by sending an infected person to collect his swab. He reiterated that the spike in cases is manipulation by the Government.

Some leaders air differences

While Shivakumar is firm on taking the rally to its logical conclusion, some Congress leaders including Ramalinga Reddy believe such a show at this moment will not sit well with the public. Sources said that a majority of Congress MLAs from Bengaluru have said that even if the *padayatra* continues, it must stop at the outer limits of Bengaluru and not enter the city.

They are worried that if there is a rise in infections in Bengaluru, it will adversely affect the party's chances in polls — Karnataka will see Assembly elections in the first half of 2023 and the Bengaluru city civic polls are set to be held before that.

Anti-Mekedatu rally under Medha Patkar on Jan. 14

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (Agencies)- A section of activists and others have planned to hold a protest against the proposal to construct Mekedatu project, adding to the complications of an already contentious issue. Noted activist Medha Patkar is expected to be part of the protests on Jan. 14, according to people aware of the developments.

Activists and environmentalists claim that the project, if taken up, will end up with over 12,000 acres of forests and other lands that will be submerged. "All 3 Karnataka mainstream political parties are pushing for (a) destructive dam in Mekedatu. We oppose the dam, want to preserve Mekedatu and demand eco-friendly water methods. On Jan. 14, 2022, we rights groups are uniting to protest the project. Our inspiration Medha Patkar will lead us," Kannada actor and activist Chetan Kumar said on Twitter.

Supreme Court hearing today

New Delhi, Jan. 11 (Agencies)- In the midst of Congress' *padayatra* from Mekedatu to Bengaluru that has generated heat in the State, the Supreme Court (SC) is set to hear Tamil Nadu's petition on the project today. TN had approached the SC against the order of the Principal Bench of National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Mekedatu balancing reservoir. The Principal Bench had vacated the stay given by NGT Bench in Chennai.

8,000 people from Mysuru

Meanwhile, the Mysuru District Congress Committee (DCC) Media Cell has stated in a press release that over 8,000 people from Mysuru will head towards Ramanagara to join the rally. As a symbolic way to join the Mekedatu *padayatra,* a small event was held at Gandhi Square in city at 7 this morning where freedom fighters T. Puttanna and Srirangashetty watered saplings.

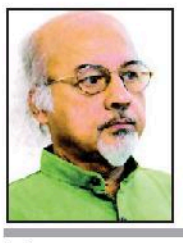
Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, DCC President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, former MLAs Vasu, Kalale Keshavamurthy, former MLC R. Dharmasena and party workers were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Mekedatu Padayatra : Karnataka Cong leader defies COVID guidelines, refuses covid test, says no COVID in Karnataka, calls it BJP propaganda
Let's join the YATRA!!
YATRA WILL GO ON
OMICRON 3RD WAVE

Listen to Electron and his brothers



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The lawyer's name is Electron. That is right, a practising lawyer whose name is Electron. If any confirmation is required, please meet his brothers, Proton and Neutron. These are real names of real people. Of course, they are in Kerala, a place where impossible things turn possible.

It was not an eccentric desire to be different that made K. Arjunachari name his sons in unconventional style. He had two reasons, both noble in nature. He knew the way atoms bonded together to form molecules. Stick an oxygen atom between two hydrogen atoms and you get H2O, also known as water. He wanted his boys to stick together like atoms.

The other reason was nationalistic in nature. He had worked in paramilitary forces and developed clear ideas about a strong and progressive India. **He saw caste as a curse. The names he gave his children mocked at caste. Would anyone ask whether Proton was a Brahmin? If some assumed that Electron was SC/ST, who would bother?**

What is reassuring is that Arjunachari was not an exception. In Salem, Tamil Nadu, V.A. Mohan was guided by similar ideals. He was the Communist Party's Jilla Secretary there. He found it proper to name his sons A.M. Socialism, A.M. Communism and A.M. Leninism.

It is possible that the sons could have felt embarrassed by their names. But the records show they were in fact proud of them. In due course A.M. Leninism named his son A.L. Marxism. The family was waiting for a new-generation daughter they could name Cubaism.

In June last year Socialism got married. The bride was from a Congress family. That did not affect the flow of history. When a daughter was born to Socialism, they took a detour and named her Mamata Banerjee. Others in the family had names like Moscow, Vietnam and Czechoslovakia. The original Mamata Banerjee said nothing about the naming phenomenon. She could not have objected to her name being used the way legends such as Vietnam and Moscow were being used.

Internet is full of names that are listed as favourites among Indians. According to one, the hottest names for boys are Arjun, Aum and Ishan. A separate list credited to Pop Culture has Ari, Dev and Jaiden as top favourites. (Dev? Good old Dev Anand had made that single syllable a household favourite not long ago.)

Names can sometimes convey wrong impressions, leading to their bearers having a tough time. I am myself an example. That my name is obviously foreign in origin is bad enough. It is worse that the name puts a religious brand on my forehead. I practise no religion. Indeed, I happen to believe that all religions have become commercial enterprises. God is merely a commodity to be traded. It is a high-value commodity and can lead to enormous profits. Look around and you can see outstanding examples of God-traders and their successes.

But it does not matter that I have these different viewpoints. To the casual onlooker, I am simply a follower of the religion my name represents, restricted to the boundaries of that religion and incapable of seeing beyond. How prejudices shape our lives. How much easier life would have been if I was named Priyadarshan or Santosh or Jnanadesinganacharyadas?

The reality is that a good deal of surface appearances have a determining effect on our opinions and our lives. The influence of religion is superimposed over these. Despite all the educational and cultural advances made by our country, religion plays a decisive role in our everyday lives, not to mention our politics. It cannot be otherwise when religions and anointed religious leaders are accepted as legitimate authorities in political affairs.

Time was when "modern" European countries were under the thumbs of Bishops and Cardinals. It was worse in Japan. For more than 18 centuries, Shintoism has played a central role in that country's public life. In 1997, the Supreme Court there ruled that religion and politics should remain separate as decreed in the 1947 Constitution. The good thing is that in India, although the influence of religion is strong and widespread, its hold on politics has not been strong enough to influence the affairs of the State. Even where the BJP is in power, there are limits it cannot cross.

Clearly the likes of Electron, Proton and Neutron have won their case. Religion is contained; it is unable to change the course of history in any substantive manner. And that enables all citizens to join in saying *Jai Hind*.

Mysore Bar Assn. polls begin

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&DM)- The polls to elect the new Executive Body of the prestigious Mysore Bar Association began at the City and District Courts Complex here this morning.

A total of 43 candidates are contesting for 16 posts of office-bearers, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer etc. About 3,000 eligible Advocates are exercising their franchise to elect the new body of the Association for a 2-year term. The polling, which began on a brisk note at 9 am, will conclude at 4 pm, following which the counting of votes will be taken up and the results will be announced later this evening.

The election, which was scheduled to take place on Jan. 9, was rescheduled for today on account of weekend curfew.

Nakshatra Natakotsava - 2022

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Nakshatra Foundation and Mysuru Film Institute, in association with Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru, has organised 'Nakshatra Natakotsava-2022' at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises here tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 5.30 pm.

Sathish Ponnachi's play 'Hinturigi Nodi' and P. Lankesh's 'Jayantana Swagata' will be staged as part of the Fest.

On the occasion, the Foundation will be launching its Women and Youth Units and also conferring the 'Minuguva Nakshatra-2022' Award on Film Director Siddegowda GBS and Senior Music Director of Rangayana, Mysuru, Sreenivas Bhat (Cheeni).

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna will preside.

Swami Vivekananda preachings are an ocean of thoughts: Ramakrishna Ashram Swamiji

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (PM&DM)- Observing that Swami Vivekananda's preachings and ideas are like an ocean of thoughts, Swami Sarvajayananda of Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram said that Vivekananda had always advocated that anything concerned with India's development should take place on the strong foundations of Dharma and Spirituality.

He was delivering a special lecture at the launch of 'Yuva Saptaha' (Youth Week) organised as part of 159th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at KSGH Music and Performing Arts University on JLB Road here this morning.

Pointing out that Swamy Vivekananda sat on ocean rocks at Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari to find out what could be the reasons for the country's sorry state of affairs then, Swami Sarvajayananda said that Vivekanada after three days of relentless thinking, came to the conclusion that it was utter negligence of Dharma and Spirituality were the reasons behind it.

Noting that Vivekananda had great expertise in music as well, Sarvajayananda said that the Swami argued that Music too had an expression and life, which takes us towards divinity.

Stating that Vivekananda had written a wonderful book on Music in Bengali, he said that the Swami had enormous interest in Science too. Stressing on the need for the younger generation to lead a responsible and dutiful life, he said that selfless service will help enhance our personality.

Referring to Swami Vivekananda's historical speech at Chicago Convention, he said that the Swami had contended that all Dharmas aim at reaching the almighty for which they took different paths.

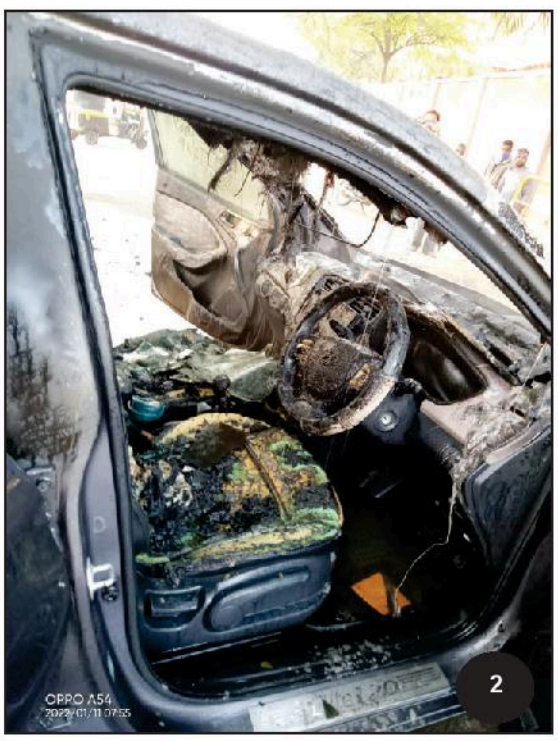
Earlier, KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, who spoke after inaugurating the event, said that Swami Vivekananda is the leading light for youths and it is important that the younger generation carry forward the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.

The week-long programme features numerous sessions, activities and events, he added.

Marking the occasion, floral tributes were offered to a portrait of Swami Vivekananda.

University Finance Officer Renukamba, Programme Co-ordinator and NSS Officer Dr. Dundaiah Pujera and other faculty, staff and students were present.

Fire destroys car in city



Pic. 1: The burning car near Gun House Circle this morning. Pic. 2: The charred interior. Pic. 3: The completely gutted car. *[See report on page 1]*

617 snake bite cases in 2021

(Continued from page 1)

If snakes are found in empty places, leave them alone as they will move away, Shyam said and appealed to call Surya Keerthi on Mob: 70220-42028 or Snake Shyam on Mob: 99805-57797 in case of a snake sighting.

Do not panic: Doctors

Doctors at the Department of Medicine at K.R. Hospital where snake bite victims are treated said that the most important thing in case of a snake bite is not to panic and immediately rush to the hospital.

"We have enough stock of Anti-Snake Venom (ASV) injection," said a doctor. ASV injection is a combination of four venoms that is prescribed in the treatment of snakebite. It neutralises the venom and prevents life-threatening events.

"Another important thing is to identify the snake or if possible take the picture of the snake on their mobile phones as it would save time and we can administer the correct ASV injection," he added.

"Over 20 to 25 vials of ASV are required to treat one patient and the recovery percentage is above 95 percent, provided the bite victim arrives at the hospital on time. Most of the deaths are due to late arrival and many opt for native medicines," doctors said.

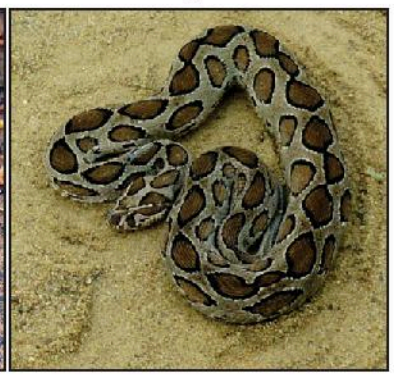
A vial of ASV will cost Rs. 306 at K.R. Hospital and victims who are covered under Ayushman Bharat Yojana and Arogya Karnataka Scheme, SC/ST community people, BPL card holders can avail snake bite treatment for free. Senior citizens can avail 70 percent rebate and APL card holders can get 30 percent rebate.

4 venomous snakes of Mysuru

There are four venomous snakes in the city and the venom of each snake acts differently -- cobra (spectacled cobra), Russell's viper, saw-scaled viper and common krait. While the venom of cobra is neurotoxic and destroys the nervous system, the venom of Russell's viper is hemotoxic which destroys the blood cells.

The venom of saw-scaled viper is hemotoxic and makes the blood thin which eventually oozes out of the body. Common krait venom is three times more toxic than the cobra and it is neurotoxic, hemotoxic, cytotoxic and cardiotoxic. This means it destroys the nervous system, blood, cells and heart muscle.

Spectacled Cobra



Russells-viper

Saw-Scaled Viper

Common Krait

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Megalapura Power Distribution Centre: Megalapura, Keelanapura, Siddaramanahundi, M.C. Hundi, Inam Utthanahalli, Kuppegala, Muddegowdanahundi, Ranganathapura, Srinivasapura, Devegowdanahundi, Yadakola, Kadavekatte Hundi, Hosahalli, Gurukarapura, Duddagere, Mahadevi Colony, Lakshmipura, Madhavagere, Varakodu Paper Mill, Kupya, Bommanayakanahalli, KP Hundi and Kupya GP limits.

FTS Power Distribution Centre: Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Tilak Nagar, Mission Hospital, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road, KT Street, Dodda Vokkaligara Beedi, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Olympia Talkies, Pulakeshi Road, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla, surrounding areas of Rajkamal Talkies, Shivarampet, KR Hospital, Boti Bazar, Dhanvantri Road, Veeranagere, Shivaji Road, St. Mary's Road, Gandhi Nagar, A.J. Block, Ganesh Nagar, Rajendra Nagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subhash Nagar, NR Mohalla and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

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NZ thrash Bangladesh in 2nd Test

Christchurch, Jan. 11- New Zealand today thrashed Bangladesh by an innings and 117 runs in the second Test at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch.

With this win, the hosts drew the two-match series 1-1. Ross Taylor, who was playing his last Test match, incidentally took the final wicket of Bangladesh's second innings.

Following on after being skittled out for a paltry 126 in first innings, Bangladesh were bowled out for 278 in the second innings, thus suffering an innings defeat.

Brief scores

New Zealand 521-6 decl. Bangladesh- 126 and 278.

Mysore Memories...

A Visionary Educationist of Mysore -3

Prof. N.S. Subba Rao, a Prince among Men

By Dr. Bhagirath S. Naganath

[Continued from yesterday]

Acharya Patashala

N. Ananthachar following his marriage moved to Bangalore for better prospects. Apart from odd jobs at Government offices and the like, he was sadly unable to make a decent living in Bangalore. Not one to lose hope, he set up a vegetable shop next to present day 'Vidyarthi Bhavan' in Basavanagudi. His clientele included the likes of Divan Madhava Rao, M. Visweswaraiah, Garudachar, Kodanda Rao, N. S. Subba Rao, B.P. Wadia, Thathachar and Navarathna Ramarao! Impressed by Ananthachar's diligence and reserve of knowledge, they introduced him to M.N. Krishna Rao who managed to source a loan of 100 rupees to help matters. Instead of investing this into his vegetable shop, Ananthachar persuaded his wife to use this start up fund to establish a small school which later mushroomed into a college and now stands as Acharya Patashala Institution. 5th cross road in Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore, still bears Subba Rao's name to it as well.

G.P. Rajarathnam

In the Silver Jubilee year celebrations of the University of Mysore (1941), G. P. Rajarathnam was to feature in a lead role in a drama competition. Among the guests of honour were the Chancellor himself, HH Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wodeyar. Knowing the Maharaja's penchant for poems by Ranna, Subba Rao made his way into the green room minutes before the drama was supposed to begin and advised young Rajarathnam to recite two popular verses of Ranna at the end of his Act. Rajarathnam agreed to this and happily recited two verses from one of Ranna's popular compositions at the end — this went down very well with the Maharaja causing him to break into a sly smile and a thunderous clap of his hands!

When G.P. Rajarathnam had completed writing *"Purusha Saraswathi"*, he had no idea as to how to get it into print. He decided to approach T.S. Venkannayya who in turn decided to take him to Subba Rao for further guidance. Subba Rao gave them a thirty-minute appointment on a Sunday

Prof. N.S. Subba Rao

morning. After some pleasantries, Subba Rao very tersely asked young Rajarathnam to read a few pages from the section on *'Karna Nataka Purana'*. To put it into context, this was the time when a heated debate was going on between how 'Karnataka' ought to be spelt in Kannada script! Subba Rao was so impressed with the young writer's rendition, that he asked him to read the whole script over the next two hours!! At the end of this, he looked at Venkannayya and instructed him to get it published in *'Prabhuddha Karnataka'* and then to get 250 additional offset copies for circulation. Thus, came into print, Rajarathnam's *'Purusha Saraswathi'*. Decades later, Rajarathnam would recollect this incident and remark thus: *"I was but a meagre 60-rupee Kannada pandita at that time — nothing more! Thanks to Subba Rao's impetus, I was launched on to the Kannada literary landscape."*

B.M. Srikantaiah

He had a lifelong association with B.M. Srikantaiah and both of them had been instrumental in founding the Srirangapatna chapter of *'Tarunara Dandu'*, many years ago. Now they would team up again to bring into existence a full-fledged Kannada Department at the University and in the constitution of a dedicated Kannada syllabus for the first time. They would also be instrumental in creating an intellectual space for the publication of Kannada writing by effectively bringing into existence *'Prabhuddha Karnataka'*.

B.M. Sri's Kannada translations of English poetry titled *'English Geethegalu'* first came out in serial series in *'Karnataka Granthamale'*. Subba Rao zealously collected these and got them bound in a Gold tilted edition as a tribute to his good friend of yore. This was Subba Rao's way of paying a tribute to his fond friend while expressing his unbridled joy at seeing some of his favourite pieces of English poetry appear in Kannada!

Daly Memorial Hall - Mythic Society, Bangalore.

Nalwadi Wodeyar *Rajarathnam* *Srikantaiah* *Krishnamacharya* *Brajendranath*

Subba Rao was Director of the Department of Education from 1928 till 1935. He was among the very few who held the rare distinction of having been a teacher for over three decades before adorning the post of Director of Department of Education! This unique vantage point gave him a priceless perspective both as a teacher and also as an administrator. This experience on both sides of the aisle, enabled him to come up with many insurance and monetary schemes, later on, which would enable many a discerning academician of the University find the much-needed financial succour for their personal expenses, which otherwise was out of their reach! During his tenure as Director, he invited Maasti to be one of the senior members in the sub-committee responsible for the formulation of Kannada syllabus for students.

Tirumale Krishnamacharya

When the Father of Modern Yoga - Tirumale Krishnamacharya approached Subba Rao with his unrequited wish of not having a dedicated school for Yoga in the Princely State of Mysore, he at once took it upon himself to persuade the Maharaja to personally help in any way possible. The Maharaja gave a portion of Jagan Mohan Palace to start a school of Yoga free of cost! — thus was born the first formal Yogashala in Mysore!

Economic and Political Reforms

Under Sir Brajendranath Seal's Vice-Chancellorship, Subba Rao contributed significantly as a member of the Council for Political Reforms from 1926 - 27. As Member of the Textile Tariff Board, he was able to bring to the table his expertise in economic theories and principles, managing to ensure a fair price for both cotton growers as well as textile merchants. Accompanying Sir Mirza Ismail to the London Round Table Conference (1930 - 32), Subba Rao played a crucial role in the eventual formulation of the landmark 'Indian Constitution Act' of 1935. His foreword to M.N. Srinivas' "Marriage and Family in Mysore" is considered a seminal work in itself!

Recognition

In 1929, he was invited to deliver a guest lecture at the 'Indian Economic Association', Allahabad. Between 1932 - 33, Subba Rao had the distinction of being invited to deliver a series of lectures on 'Some Aspects of Economic Planning' as part of the Madras University Sir William Meyer Lecture Series. Subba Rao presided over the twenty-first Kannada Sahitya Sammelan at Bombay in December 1935. Nicknamed 'Raja' by peers and alike at Cambridge, he was once described by Poet Laureate Tagore as thus: ***'He is a prince among men!'*** He was appointed as Honorary Secretary of 'Inter-University Association' at the national-level between 1923-25. In recognition of his lifetime contribution to the Princely State of Mysore, HH Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wodeyar conferred on N.S. Subba Rao the title of '***Rajakaryapraveena of Gandabherunda Order'*** in 1937. He was later requested to preside over the 'All India Educational Conference' in 1931. In 1940, he delivered the inaugural address of the 'All India Economic and Political Congress' at Mysore. Three years later in 1943, he was invited to deliver ten successive lectures on 'Rural reconstruction in India' at Delhi University as part of 'Sir Kikibhai Premchand lecture series'.

Association with Mythic Society, Bangalore

In 1910, he delivered a lecture at Mythic Society, Bangalore elaborating on the paper which he had published while at Cambridge and which had won him the prestigious 'Le Bas' award. His lecture would later be published in the Quarterly Journal of Mythic Society in the same year. Incidentally, Subba Rao would maintain a lifelong association with Mythic Society ultimately presiding over as its Secretary from 1939-42.

Legacy

Subba Rao's hectic lifestyle took a toll on his health. There was precious little time for exercise apart from some tennis which he enjoyed. Added to this already brutal regimen was many a successive trip abroad. In many respects, he was as busy or probably more so in his retirement as he was while in service! At the age of 58 years, Subba Rao breathed his last on 29th June 1943 at Bangalore. One of his close confidants described him thus in his obituary: *"Mr. N. S. Subba Rao was a man of great parts, a large and generous heart, a loyal friend and above all a true patriot"*. Men of his calibre, integrity and generosity of spirit are the need of the hour today!

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Koti Surya Namaskara at Suttur School

As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' over 3,000 students of JSS Residential School at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district are performing Koti Surya Namaskara everyday between 6 am and 6.30 am since Jan. 5. The 21-day yoga session is being held under the guidance of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Administrative Officer S.P. Udayashankar. [Pic. by Warden Mahadevaprasad]

Political parties in State may witness defection of leaders post *Sankranti*

Bengaluru, Jan. 11- Even though the State Assembly elections are over a year away, the State may witness a series of defection of political leaders after *Sankranti* festival this year, which is just four days away.

Political pundits say that a political polarisation may take place like never before and also like no one could anticipate. Legislators and leaders from all the three major political parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — who like to enter the Assembly again, are looking at other parties which would give them ticket, to contest the 2023 Assembly polls.

While the ruling BJP and JD(S) are facing problems of internal dissension and discontent, some Congress leaders too are said to be feeling unhappy over the style of functioning of their party.

According to sources, several BJP and JD(S) MLAs are keen on joining the Congress, while some in the Congress are eager to join the BJP. Though the possibility of ruling BJP and opposition Congress defecting to the JD(S) is very remote, however, there are chances that the leaders from the two parties knock on the doors of the JD(S) if they are denied their party tickets to contest next year's Assembly polls.

With a good number of its MLAs openly revolting against the party leadership, the JD(S) is a worried lot as possible defections would weaken its stronghold in old Mysuru region, which it holds fort for decades. The names of JD(S) MLAs — G.T. Devegowda of Chamundeshwari; K. Mahadev of Periyapatna; M. Ashwin Kumar of T. Narasipur; A.T. Ramaswamy of Arakalgud; K.M. Shivalingegowda of Arasikere and Lingesh of Belur are doing the rounds in political circles on their possible defection to the Congress.

Arasikere MLA Shivalingegowda has openly revolted against the party leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, whom he has charged of ignoring him. Though K. Mahadev, MLA from Periyapatna is openly saying that he would not leave the JD(S), his moves in the recently held MyMUL polls, has raised doubts about this continuance in the party. As far as G.T. Devegowda (GTD) is concerned, the MLA has often displayed his new found bonhomie with former CM Siddharamaiah, whom he had defeated by a big margin in the 2018 Assembly polls. Also, GTD has more than once said that he has plans to join the Congress ahead of Assembly polls.

The Congress on its part, is making all efforts to weaken the JD(S) in old Mysuru region by luring its leaders and Legislators into the Congress fold. KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar is working out plans to dislodge the JD(S) base in old Mysuru region as such a move would help the congress regain its hold over old Mysuru region.

Even as the Congress is reportedly attempting to encouraging defection of JD(S) MLAs, the ruling BJP too is worried that some of its old timers who are unhappy over the present set up, are willing to leave the party and join the Congress ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls. The BJP on its part is charting out its own game plans to weaken the opposition Congress, by entering into an understanding with the JD(S).

Political pundits cite the open statement of former CM B.S. Yediyurappa who, in the run-up to the MLC polls, had said that the BJP would reach an understanding with the JD(S) to defeat the Congress in the Legislative Council polls from Local Authorities Constituency which took place in December last.

Overall, it can be said that the State could witness a slew of defections from and to the three parties post *Sankranti* festival or after the Assembly polls in five States, including key States of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab which are a little over a month away.

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna performs at Heritage Music Festival in city

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna presenting a vocal concert at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, last evening as part of the ongoing 60th Heritage Music Festival organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. He is accompanied by Vid. Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga, Vid. Vyasa Vittala on kanjira, Amogh on tambura and Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin. Today (Jan. 11) at 6.15 pm, Veena recital by Vidu. S.V. Sahana, accompanied by Vid. Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on kanjira. [NOTE: Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]

WORD OF THE DAY

Cerulean

Pronunciation: suh-ROO-lee-un.
Meaning: Cerulean means "resembling the blue of the sky."
Origin: Cerulean comes from Latin caeruleus, which means "dark blue" and is most likely from caelum, "sky."
Example: "To our left, as we made our way along the trail, was an expansive valley enclosed by the cerulean heights of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a 550-mile expanse of the Appalachian Mountains." — Stephanie Hill

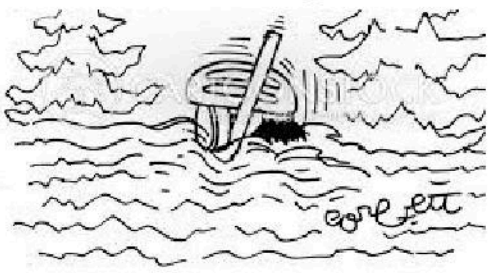
THE ODD WORD

Caffoy

Velvety fabric.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Come hell or high water



Meaning: When you say 'Come Hell or High Water' you mean that you are willing to do whatever it takes to overcome difficulty or obstacles.
Origin: The expression 'come hell or high water' originated in America. The first printed reference comes from an Iowa newspaper, The Burlington Weekly Hawk Eye, dated May 1882: "Since that time the best of my friends had become enemies and strangers have become friends. The devil had broke loose in many parts of the country and keeping up with the old saying, we've had unrevised hell and high water, and a mighty heap of high water, I tell you."
Example: "I'm going to make it to the dance on Saturday, come hell or high water!"

QUOTE BOX

Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you.— **Margaret Atwood**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Two wrongs don't make a right.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Understanding term? (1,3)
5 "The Simpsons" bartender
8 Jug
12 Draws to oneself
13 Flight prefix
14 Rotate
15 Punish
17 Revoke as a legacy
19 The Republic of Ireland
20 Rise rapidly
22 Synthetic fabric
26 People of Holland
29 Search for extra-terrestrial intelligence, acronym?
30 Spring on one foot
31 Maulana Abul __ Azad
33 Take a ___ : enter the swimming pool, in a way?
34 Polluted air
36 Fragrant shrub
38 "Needs" changes to get sand hills?
40 Assistant
41 Horse chow
43 Poetic feet of one kind
47 Inspiring or stimulating?
51 Appear
52 Monarch
53 Bounty, generously bestowed gifts
54 Frameforthenecksoftwooxen
55 Large, abbr.
56 An appointment with one's sweet heart?

DOWN
1 Intl. Air Transp. Assoc.
2 Fastener
3 "To be" in Toulouse?
4 "Resent" changes to get a man?
5 Roman 1200
6 Some time or ___ : one day?
7 Morales of movies
8 Diners or consumers?
9 3rd century Chinese dynasty
10 Conversational stopgaps
11 Fish eggs
16 Standing Room Only, abbr.
18 Ridicule
21 A biblical king
23 Moon of Jupiter
24 Auricular
25 Pinch or bite
26 Large cupola
27 Atop or over
28 "Laid" anagram for a famous Spanish painter?
30 High speed diesel, in short
32 Medium-length dress
35 Regal name
37 Hired, rented or sublet
39 Search and Rescue
40 An unforeseen obstacle (1,4)
42 Prepare land by ploughing
44 Flat-topped hill
45 Defeat
46 One of Captain Hook's men
47 It is traditionally blue ?
48 Uncle in Spain
49 Writing fluid
50 Grad. Rec. Exam.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	E	M	A	■	A	E	R	O	■	E	B	B
E	D	I	T	■	S	L	A	B	■	I	T	E
A	N	E	T	■	P	L	A	T	I	N	U	M
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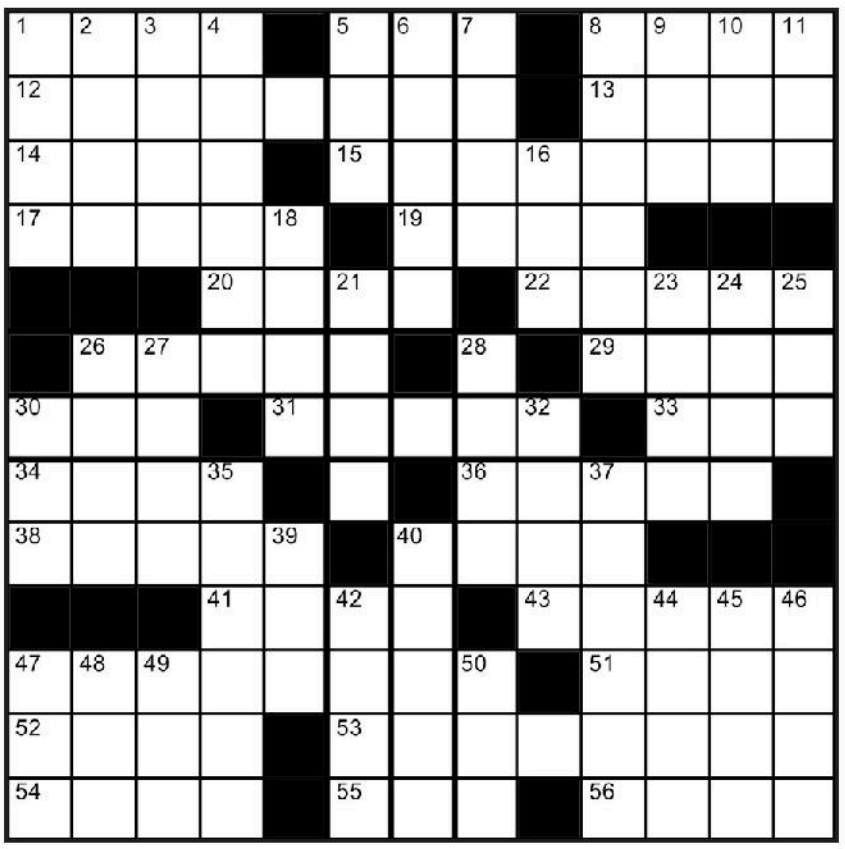

SUDOKU

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1	6			9			2	
	3			1			7	5
	1		5			8		
		8			9	4	3	
6		9			7			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	3	4	8	7	5	6	9
6	4	9	5	2	1	3	8	7
8	5	7	6	3	9	2	1	4
2	1	4	7	9	8	6	3	5
3	8	5	2	6	4	7	9	1
9	7	6	1	5	3	8	4	2
4	9	2	3	7	6	1	5	8
5	6	8	9	1	2	4	7	3
7	3	1	8	4	5	9	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AH OBOHSG QJFYD WHTWSH JBLH VTTZ

IHYIH EYSHII QJHG BVOHH AFQJ EI.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.

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  Ellinda Harambhavagide (K) 1 Shows; Mallige (K) - 3 Shows

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Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (2D-E)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Rider (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

83 (H)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.55 pm
	(S-3)	5.40 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Rider (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	5.30 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	2.35 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am

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83 (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 6.10 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	11.00 am, 6.00 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.00 noon, 2.55 pm, 5.50 pm
Rider (K)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	2.10 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	11.45 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	5.20 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	2.20 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	11.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	2.15 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	2.25 pm
83 (H)	:	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
Rider (K)	:	2.55 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	6.00 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	6.05 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Rider (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-3)	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

The Sliding Sun...

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 11)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Maha-mangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
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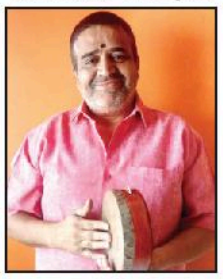
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust:** 60th Heritage Music Festival, Kavya Vaachana, **5.15 pm;**



Veene recital by **S.V. Sahana,** accompanied by **Patri Satishkumar on mridanga** and **Vyasa Vittala** on kanjira, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.** [Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 12)

- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am to 1.30 pm.**
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Today's Matches (JAN. 11)

Patna Pirates Vs U Mumba	7.30 pm
Telugu Titans Vs Gujarat Giants	8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 12)

Haryana Steelers Vs UP Yoddha	7.30 pm
Dabang Delhi Vs Bengaluru Bulls	8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Tamil Thalaivas	45
Beat	
Haryana Steelers	26
Jaipur Pink Panthers	30
Beat	
Dabang Delhi	28

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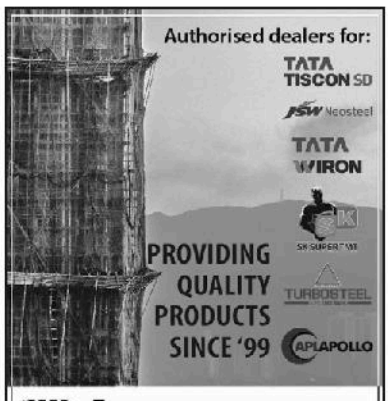

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